

**John St. Clair to George Washington, June 18, 1758,
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FROM COLONEL JOHN ST. CLAIR.

CARLISLE June 18th. 1758

SIR

Yesterday at Noon I was favour'd with your Letter of the 14th.¹ with several others enclosed in it. I hope by the time you receive this that you have got the better of all your difficultys, but after all that has been done if any thing is wanting let me know it and I shall bring it with me to fort Cumberland.

I must beg you will send me to this place 8 or 10 of Capt. Stewarts light Horse with an Officer and for an Example to the Pensylvanians I shoud be glad of those that are best mounted.

I send you all the News that I can pick up so that I need not repeat what you see in Print. Mr. Hoops writes to Mr. Walker about provisions.

I shall represent to the General the difficiency of Bayonets to Colo. Byrds Regt. if he thinks them necessary he has it now in his power to supply them. I expect the Genl. will leave Philadelphia this Week.

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I beg you will make my Compliments to all the Gentlemen of the Virginia Brigade, I am with a most Sincere Regd.

Dr. Sir Your most obedient and most humble Servant JOHN ST. CLAIR

1 Washington returned to Fort Loudoun the night of the 13th of June, and, finding letters there addressed to Colonel St. Clair, forwarded them. Concerning these letters he observed: "should hardly have opened them, notwithstanding you desired me to do so (with any that might be directed to you at this place relative to the public service), had not Col. Byrd, the bearer, advised it; conceiving there was something contained in them which I might be preparing to execute." This is but one of the many evidences of the implicit confidence reposed in Washington, and of his own strict observance in such matters.